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12 MARKET SQUARE.

REGULAR MEETING CITY GOVERNMENT.

Aldermen Vote to Purchase
Police Patrol Wagon.

Water Commissioner Philbrick Resigns
and City Solicitor Kelley Appointed to Fill the Vacancy.

The regular meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen was held on Thursday evening with Mayor Tilton in the chair and the following members present: Aldermen Hoyt, Brown, Bates, Borthwick, Yeaton, Hallam, Gray and Conlig.

The records of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from J. K. Bates and others asking that South road be widened, was read by the clerk and on motion of Ald. Hoyt a hearing was ordered to be held on Monday afternoon, Feb. 27th, at 4:30 o'clock, on the premises.

A petition of J. W. Kelley and others, requesting the city to put Willard avenue in a passable condition was referred to the committee on streets.

A petition of the New England Telegraph and Telephone company for permission to locate new poles for their line on New Vaughan street and Maplewood avenue to the Newington line, was granted under the restrictions that it be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the committee on streets.

Petition of Stephen Goodwin and other residents on Newcastle avenue, for a sewer through that thoroughfare, was referred to the committee on laying out and widening streets and repairing drains.

A petition of Francis Langdon and others requesting the board to lay out a highway from Blossom street through the land of Francis Langdon, was read by the clerk and on motion of Ald. Gray a hearing was ordered to be held the same day as the South street hearing, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

Petition of residents on Bridge street for an alarm box on the corner of Bridge and Hanover streets, was referred to the committee on fire department with power.

Petition of Benjamin Atwell and others for an incandescent light on the corner of Johnson's court was referred to the committee on street lights.

The report of City Solicitor Kelley in regard to the bill of Charles Drowne against the city, was against the city paying the same and on motion of Ald. Hoyt the report was accepted and Mr. Drowne be given leave to withdraw the bill.

The city auditor's report of approved bills to the amount of \$3542.18 was read and on motion of Ald. Bates were approved and ordered paid.

The city clerk read a communication from the executors of the wills of the late Charlotte and Eliza Haven stating that the deeds and papers relative to transferring the land for the new park on Pleasant street were ready to be transferred to the city.

On motion of Ald. Yeaton it was voted to authorize the city solicitor to execute the deeds and draw up the necessary papers.

Ald. Hallam for the special committee to whom the matter of unpaid bills for bands, contracted at the reception to the Quaker army marines, last summer, was referred, recommended that the matter be referred to the committee on claims with power. On motion of Ald. Yeaton the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Ald. Hallam for the special committee on the police patrol wagon and ambulance, reported that the committee were unanimously in favor of the same and the clerk read specifications from the Abbott Downing Co. of Concord, on a special combination wagon costing complete \$375, or with rubber tires \$440.

Ald. Yeaton asked if the committee had any plan in mind for keeping and running the wagon after they got it and was told that a majority of the committee were in favor of keeping it at one of the livery stables where it would always be ready almost at a moment's warning.

On motion of Ald. Hallam the committee were authorized to purchase the combination wagon.

Ald. Gray introduced the following

resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved by the City Councils

That his Honor, Mayor Tilton, be and is hereby directed to send in behalf of the City Councils an invitation to Rear Admiral George Dewey, U. S. N., to be come the guest of the city of Portsmouth on his arrival in this section of the United States.

The same alderman then introduced another joint resolution as follows:

Resolved by the City Councils

SECTION 1. There shall be and is hereby created in the city treasurer's department a fund which shall be known as the cemetery fund, which shall be held by the city in trust for keeping the graves and burial lots in good order of those who may be interred in any of the cemeteries of this city.

SECTION 2. Any person shall have the benefit of this fund for the above purpose, who shall by personal gift or by will bequeath to the city any amount of money to be held in trust as aforesaid, and the interest of same, or such part thereof as shall be deemed necessary for such repairs as aforesaid, shall be expended annually under the direction of the executive officer of the city.

SECTION 3. The board of mayor and aldermen shall from time to time designate the kind of securities or name of bond in which said donations shall be invested, but in all cases it shall be of securities which said city shall issue, and shall also designate from time to time the amount of interest which shall be paid on such donations.

On motion of Ald. Gray it passed its first reading and was referred to the committee on bills on second reading on motion of Ald. Yeaton.

On motion of Ald. Bates it was voted that the committee on street lights have the power to change the location of the incandescent electric lights in the vicinity of the corner of Broad and South streets to the Broad street extension and to place an arc light on the corner of Miller avenue and South street, near the cemetery.

Ald. Yeaton called the board's attention to the condition of the Broad street extension and moved that the committee on streets be authorized to grade that thoroughfare. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The resignation of Frank J. Philbrick from the board of water commissioners was read and on motion of Ald. Yeaton was accepted.

It was then voted to proceed to ballot to fill the vacancy. On motion of Ald. Bates, Ald. Hoyt was authorized to cast one ballot for John W. Kelley to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Philbrick.

A joint order authorizing the mayor to transfer a strip of land at the city's gravel pit on South street to Herman A. Brackett was read and on motion of Ald. Yeaton passed its first reading. This strip of land in question is in payment for damages claimed by Mr. Brackett for the city's encroaching on his property adjoining the gravel pit.

The rules were then suspended and the resolution passed through its several readings and sent to be engrossed.

Ald. Hoyt then called attention to a strip of land on Columbia street, belonging to the city, which could be exchanged for a similar strip on the property owned by Hon. Frank Jones, which would straighten that street.

On a motion from the alderman the city solicitor was authorized to draw up all necessary papers to make the transaction, it being understood that there would be no money transaction in the exchange.

On motion of Ald. Borthwick the committee on printing were given the power to have the city report for the past year printed.

Ald. Hallam said the citizens of ward three were still without a place to vote in and were wondering where they were going to vote at the coming city election.

Ald. Yeaton, chairman of the committee to whom that matter was referred, reported that they had examined several rights and had been unable to find any place suitable so far.

The committee were given full power to provide a place for the voters for the coming election.

The same committee reported that they had looked over a number of places in ward five for the same purpose and recommended that half of the building occupied by C. E. Boynton, which at present was unused. On motion of Ald. Borthwick the report was accepted.

Ald. Yeaton called the board's attention to the numerous cables for telegraph and telephone wires that were stretched across the Parade and moved that the city solicitor be asked as to the proper way to have them removed. He also moved that the city clerk be directed to request the New England Telegraph and Telephone company to remove the cable recently stretched across the Parade unauthorized by the city

councils. Both motions were passed unanimously.

Ald. Gray led the city auditor to give the balances of the several appropriations which were unexpended during the past year. After a careful examination it was computed that the present local administration had saved some \$19,000 during the year, which was extremely gratifying to the members of the board.

Ald. Hallam asked if the mayor had taken any action towards getting the Boston & Maine railroad to put gates at the Creek crossing. He was told that a communication had been sent to the railroad officials, but no answer had been received further than that they would look into the matter.

Ald. Hallam then moved that unless the road took some immediate action in the matter that the same be laid before the railroad commissioners.

Ald. Gray offered an amendment by adding the Vaughan street crossing, which was accepted by Ald. Hallam.

The motion then passed without a dissenting voice.

No further business coming up the board adjourned to the next regular meeting.

CITY BRIEFS

The country roads are badly drifted. People were glad to remain at home last evening.

The Unknown Four give their poverty party this evening.

Great bargains at Alkon's on Saturday next, before stock taking.

Alkon will give with every pound of tea on Saturday next, a 4 qt. gray enamel covered sauce pan.

The police officers are much pleased over the fact that the board of aldermen voted to buy a patrol wagon.

The Rockingham Athletic club has leased Philbrick's hall for a sparring exhibition on the evening of the 17th.

Many of the milkmen drove in from the country this morning behind a pair of horses, owing to the drifted condition of the roads.

Next Sunday is the last one before Lent, and the rules and regulations governing this period will be read at all the Catholic churches.

While moving the large crane at the power house on Noble's island on Thursday a guy slipped and a bad accident was narrowly averted.

The ball of the Cooper's International Union will be held this evening at Philbrick's hall. Hannaford, the florist, has been busy today with the decorating. A good time is assured.

Chief of Police Fletcher of Farmington was in town Thursday morning on detective work, connected with a case which happened recently in his town.

Mrs. Prescott of Newington, who owns the land where the big eagle has made his home for three winters, is very indignant because two Dover sportsmen attempted to shoot it Monday. She has posted notices that she will prosecute anyone who discharges firearms on her land.

JOHN IN DOVER.

Officer Stevens arrested John Florence who claimed to hail from Portsmouth yesterday afternoon for being intoxicated on the street. Florence had just completed a sentence of 30 days at the house of correction for drunkenness. This morning he was given a ticket for Portsmouth and he took the train for that place. The officers here were glad to get rid of him.—Dover Democrat

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Helpless
With Rheumatism

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PERSONALS.

Col. A. F. Howard passed Friday in Boston.

Miss Mary Garland passed Thursday in Boston.

Judge E. H. Adams passed Thursday in Exeter on business.

Mr. H. S. Butterfield of Dover was a visitor here on Thursday.

Miss Nina Parker returned Thursday from a visit to friends in Boston.

Mrs. Fred B. Ward is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Samuel T. Drew, formerly of the Times was a visitor in town today.

Chief Engineer W. G. Buehler, U. S. N., has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Mignon B. Green returned on Thursday from a few days visit to Boston.

Edward D. Smith and Andrew Brennan of Dover were in town on Thursday.

Lawyer John H. Bartlett of this city was a visitor to Exeter on Thursday on legal business.

Mr. Thomas H. Rider of the firm of Rider & Cotton is quite ill at his home on Summer street.

A. F. Gerald, president of the P. K. & Y. Electric road, was in town on business on Thursday.

Mrs. B. F. Lombard and her mother, Mrs. Moses, were the guests of friends in Kittery on Thursday.

Mrs. Jacob Patch of Kittery is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Briard, in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Nellie Rogers entertained a party of friends at her home on Islington street on Thursday evening.

Mr. Percy Rowe, clerk at hotel Thorndike, Haverhill, Mass., was here on Wednesday calling on old friends.

Mrs. B. F. Lombard and mother, Mrs. Wilson, were the guests of Miss Agnes Norton of Kittery on Thursday.

Mrs. George F. Evans of Portland, was here on Thursday, the guest of her father, Mr. A. W. Odiorne, State street.

Miss Mary L. Hanscom of Manchester, daughter of the late Hon. Alpheus Hanscom formerly of this city, is visiting in Kittery.

Mrs. Brown, wife of Ald. Ashbell S. Brown, and Mrs. George H. Joy, left on Thursday on a visit to friends in Boston and Salem, Mass.

Walter M. Sawyer, who has been very ill for several weeks with typhoid fever is improving rapidly and on Thursday was able to sit up.

Mr. William M. Sanborn, assistant superintendent of the northern division of the Boston and Maine Central railroad was here on Thursday.

Mr. Louis Schwarz went to Boston on Thursday to meet a niece who arrived from New York that day to visit him and Mrs. Schwarz at their home in this city.

Rev. Theodore J. Holmes and wife arrived here on Thursday evening from Newton Centre, Mass., to visit their daughter, Mrs. E. Scott Owen, Summer street.

The friends of Capt. and Mrs. Campbell of the Salvation army will be glad to hear that their little child who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is somewhat better.

The marriage of Mr. Frank E. Carkins to Miss Susan E. Potts, occurred at the North church parsonage on Wednesday evening. Rev. Lucius H. Thayer performed the ceremony.

Cornelius Murphy and Catherine Crowley were united in marriage Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. E. M. O'Callaghan performing the ceremony.

TRACKS BLOCKED

A car from York got stalled near Bragdon's corner at York last evening and the passengers were distributed among the neighboring farm houses. The York end of the electric line is completely blocked today and a big force of men are at work trying to clear the tracks.

KITTERY.

The men engaged in shoveling at Shephard's hill yesterday were obliged to stop work, as the snow drifted in faster than it could be shoveled out. All of the roads are drifted in a like manner.

The contractors at the yard are not working today on account of the severity of the weather.

Government street is not drifted as badly as it did the last storm.

Ed. Burnham has resigned as janitor of the 2d Christian church, and, after much difficulty, a young man named Walker has been selected to fill the vacancy.

At the meeting of Constitution lodge, No. 88, K. of P., a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the lodge, which will take place some time next week. The committee are hard at work and propose to make the affair a grand success.

Last night was a bitter cold one, and the mercury registered all the way from six to twelve below zero this morning at seven o'clock. The high wind that prevailed all night made it a great deal more disagreeable, and those who were out on the water had a tough night to encounter.

The river is full of ice and all the vessels are ice-bound, and some of them present the appearance of a floating iceberg. Geo. H. Rowe of Boston was in town yesterday on business.

Edward Bowden is confined to his home at the Lower village with a severe cold.

Tonight Olive Branch Commandery, No. 222, have installation of officers, and supper. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

The milkmen were all late yesterday in making their rounds, and did not get out until about three o'clock in the afternoon. Harry H. Cook reports the roads in a bad condition.

George E. Hobbs of South Berwick was in town yesterday on business.

Miss Emily L. Shaw is quite ill with the grippe at her home on Central street.

Myron Spinney is confined to his home with the measles.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feeney last night. Charles wore a smile this morning when he came down town. He is receiving congratulations of his many friends.

All the members of the committee appointed by Dirigo Encampment, I. O. O. F., to make arrangements for the celebration for the silver anniversary of the lodge, are requested to meet at the store of Fred W. Cross on Government street this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Edward Bonick of Methuen, Mass., is visiting in town.

Mrs. Charles E. Lear of Portsmouth was a visitor in town yesterday.

A large party from here will attend the grand poverty carnival by the Unknown Four in Peirce hall, Portsmouth, tonight.

The snow was drifted quite badly over the P. K. & Y. track at York last night and one of the cars was stalled there for some minutes. Supt. Maloon had the snow plow in operation all day and night, together with every man that he could hire to shovel snow and succeeded in keeping the road in good condition.

Harrison J. Philbrick is improving rapidly from his recent illness.

Mrs. Wentworth Seaward of the Post, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Faulkner, who have been seriously ill, are rapidly improving.

The tides were very low yesterday and the ferry boat Newmarket had to be substituted by the Mystic late in the afternoon.

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It was a tough night for some.

MILES ON THE RACK.

Court of Inquiry Ordered on His Various Charges.

GENERAL WADE IS AT ITS HEAD.

Full Text of the Order of Secretary of War—Embarrassed Head? To Be Fully Investigated—Dewey and Otis Heard From—Additional List of Casualties.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The president has appointed a court of inquiry to examine into the charges touching the meat furnished the American army during the war with Spain and other matters involved in the charges made by General Miles against the administration of war affairs. The court will consist of Major General Wade, Colonel George B. Davis, Ninth Infantry, and Colonel Gillespie, corps of engineers, now stationed in New York.

The order for the court of inquiry is as follows:

War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, Feb. 9, 1899.

SPECIAL ORDER No. — The following order is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

War Department, Washington, Feb. 9, 1899.

In accordance with the instructions of the president of Feb. 3, 1899, a court of inquiry, to consist of the following named officers, is hereby appointed to meet in this city on Feb. 15, 1899:

DETAIL FOR THE COURT.

Major General James F. Wade, United States Volunteers.

Brigadier General George B. Davis, United States Volunteers.

Colonel George L. Gillespie, Corps of Engineers, United States Army.

Lieutenant Colonel George B. Davis, Deputy Judge Advocate General, United States Army, recorder.

The court is hereby directed to investigate certain allegations of the major general commanding the army in respect to the unfitness for issue of certain articles of food furnished by the subsistence



GENERAL WADE.

department to the troops in the field during the recent operations in Cuba and Porto Rico. In addition to its findings of fact, the court will submit an opinion upon the merits of the case, together with such recommendations as to further proceedings as may seem to be warranted by the facts developed in the course of the inquiry.

The officers named will repair to this city for the purpose herein indicated, and, upon the adjournment of the court, will return to their proper stations. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service.

R. A. Alger, Secretary of War.

By order of the Secretary of War, H. C. Corbin, Adjutant General.

Gen. Miles, when seen, had nothing to say respecting the appointment of the court. He has been accumulating a large amount of evidence along the lines of the inquiry, but he has not chosen any counsel and a large part of his evidence has been already transmitted to the war investigating commission.

DEWEY AND OTIS.

Both Our Commanders Make Reports to Departments at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The navy department today received the following dispatch:

Manila, Feb. 9, 1899.

After continued interference and intimidation of our workmen, I ordered insurgents to leave San Roque by 9 this morning. They left during the night, a few remaining, who burned the village this morning. It is now occupied by our troops. All quiet.

Dewey.

San Roque is a village on the neck of land connecting Cavite and the mainland of Luzon.

COLD IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 9.—The local weather bureau thermometer early today registered 14 below, or within 3 degrees of the low record of 17 below, of Jan. 25, 1873. The telegraph service is demoralized to a more or less extent the wires being broken in many places, owing to the intense cold and high wind.

The following telegram was received today from General Otis:

Manila, Feb. 9, 1899.

Adjutant General, Washington:

Additional casualties:

Thirtieth Minnesota—Wounded, com.

First Montana—Wounded, com.

Private Lester Pierpont.

First Nebraska—Killed, com.

Artiller Gubava—Killed, com.

C. Fred Kuhn, company E, 6th P. G. B. Co., company F, Douglas T. Bridges, company H, Harry Sabrooke, company K, Grant Boyd, company L, Francis H. Campbell, company M, M. C. Shپرد, Daniel Campbell.

Third Artillery—Wounded, battery K.

James J. Granger, battery L, James T. Leiby.

First Colorado—Wounded, company A.

Clyde R. Mowry.

Fourth Infantry—Wounded, William Bush.

Total casualties resulting from all engagements since Feb. 4, aggregate 288, as follows: Killed 3 officers, 5 enlisted men, wounded 10 officers, 19 enlisted men, missing, 2 enlisted men.

AMERICAN POSTMASTERS.

Likely to Be Appointed For All the Principal Post Offices in Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The administration of the postal service in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines is being well advanced in the plans for reorganization and installation of modern methods. William H. Elliott of New Castle, Ind., who has been appointed by Acting Postmaster General Heath as director of posts of Porto Rico, with functions similar to an assistant postmaster general, will leave next Wednesday for San Juan to assume charge. He has a personal staff of two or three assistants, including Juan Enrique Macias, a native Cuban, and nephew of the noted Cuban chieftain, General Macias, and Lee Nixon, now private secretary to Representative Overstreet of Indiana. Macias is well posted in West Indian affairs. He left Cuba for political reasons during the revolution, and has been identified with the Cuban Junta here, which warmly endorsed him.

Ten postal employees are now en route for the Philippines to aid Director of Posts Vail in establishing a modern service. This number includes seven regular post office clerks and three railway mail service experts. Their duty instructions, and among other things, are directed to open the post offices at Manila. One of their first duties will probably be restoring the postal service at Cavite.

The commission which has been investigating postal affairs in Cuba met here today, going over its report, which will be presented to Postmaster General Smith in a few days. The most conspicuous feature of the report will be a recommendation for placing all the principal post offices in Cuba—about 20 in number—in the hands of American postmasters, the present Spanish appointees, who are in charge of them to be retained as clerks. This policy will facilitate the installation of American modern postal methods for the island.

OUTLOOK AT MANILA.

Filipino Soldiers Pouring Into City and La Troops Being Thrown Up.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 9.—Hong Kong mail advices describe the situation at Manila when it was first expected that General Makar's troops would be landed, as follows:

For a few armed natives have been coming into town in a steady stream, and only 2000 soldiers, armed with Remingtons and Mausers, have taken possession of the church and government buildings. Officers are securing about on ponies, ammunition is being brought in from Manila, and an apparently stout resistance is being prepared for any landing attempted by the Americans.

Stores and banks are closed and the excitement is intense. Outside of the city are nearly 10,000 armed natives, armed with knives and spears. They are anxious to be allowed in the city.

In Negros, a nearby island, it is reported that some 10,000 men are in arms, awaiting the call.

The central school is headed with many daily entering the river. They are not being interrupted. Day and night preparation continues for lively resistance. Every head of family is up to the count in throwing up words and hand-coding streets.

It is threatened that if the Filipinos should meet with defeat the town would be burned. The transport Philippine, Meyer came in on the 8th with 500 Filipino soldiers, who were allowed to land without interference. Altogether 1500 soldiers have been landed in this manner, and this is not counting the hundreds that have come from other islands on schooners and small boats. Fully 2500 men with rifles are in the city.

The Spanish admiral El Cano is still lying just off the fort, and it was reported that some 2000 stands of arms had been landed by her.

FILIPINOS LAY LOW.

They Are Being Reinforced by Better Drilled Men From the North.

Manila, Feb. 9.—All is quiet here today. The Filipinos are lying low, except on the extreme left and right. They are evidently concentrating between Calocan and Malabon. Judging from appearances, the Filipinos are being reinforced by better drilled men from the northern provinces. In front of Calocan they are thick as a swarm of bees.

The American troops are beginning to feel the heat at midday in the open, and they are also anxious to proceed. The soldiers are impatient of restraint while in sight of the enemy.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts—Fair, continued (til); brisk westerly winds. Connecticut—Fair; not quite so cold in the west portions, brisk westerly winds. Rhode Island—Fair, continued cold, fresh westerly winds.

LIQUOR SALOON BURNED.

Lynn, Mass., Feb. 9.—A liquor saloon owned by George Parks, and occupied by Dewitt Upton, caught fire at 3 o'clock this morning from an overheated stove and was destroyed. The loss is \$2000; covered by insurance.

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LEAGUE WHEELMEN

Work Is Begun In Earnest at Providence Gathering.

SOME FAMILIAR FACES ABSENT

Annual Reports of President Potter and Secretary Abbott Basset Read—Membership Fell Off During Year 1898—His Year Has Been a Good One Otherwise Than In Growth.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 9.—The delegates to the national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen began work in earnest this morning at the well-attended convention in Columbia hall, where the regular reports of the different officers were read, discussed, and acted upon.

The attendance was a good one, few states being without representation and nearly all the league leaders were present, prepared to take part in the mapping out of the league's policy for the coming year. There was, however,

an absence of a few familiar faces, notably Chairman Mott of the racing board, as well as one or two other prominent officials. The delegates were fully prepared for a warm discussion over the all-important racing matter, but they had to wait until later in the meeting before the matter finally came up.

President Potter called the assembly to order shortly before 11 o'clock, and Secretary Abbott Basset at once called the roll, while the credentials committee attended to their important business of collecting certificates. President Potter then read his annual report.

Secretary Basset followed with his summary of the year's work, which was in brief as follows:

It is not for us to sound the joyful note of exultation this year over the results of our membership for it has fallen off. If getting new members is the whole aim and object, we must write failure against 1898.

The year 1898 has been fertile in good works, and our record in that line is one that we may well be proud of. It is true that a few speed merchants have been shaking their fists at us, and many who came to us with the idea that

they could invest one dollar and get two dollars back, have left us. It is to our credit that we retain the best class of wheelmen. The veterans are still with us, and they stand with unbroken ranks.

The work that your president has done in adding the books on cycle paths and wide tires on our list of publications and the work of the highway improvement commission in its publications has proved a great boon to members.

In recruiting, we have instituted a new policy. This year we have distributed free of cost recruiting literature. We enrolled last year 77,000 members, including applicants and renewals. In accounting for the falling off of membership, it may be said that there was no prize competition by the Bulletin this year.

Then follows the receipts from the various divisions during the three past years. The net cost of the Bulletin in 1898 was 10 cents per capita to the treasury, which reduced the income of the national body to 30 cents per capita. At the present time \$62,000 is out on loan accounts.

A reference in this report is made to the periodical department, which, during six months, has done a business of about \$10,000. In conclusion, Mr. Basset says:

The record of 1898 is a grand one, save the single item of growth. It is unfortunate that we have not grown, for in the force of numbers we find our greatest strength. We are very far from the grave of failure, however, for we still remain the largest athletic body in the world.

In the time of war and financial depression we saw kindred organizations suffer more than we have done. We shall benefit by the boom of prosperity which the future promises.

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A Pleasant, Simple, but Safe and Effective Cure for It.

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Walter A. Bell of New York, Live Fire Store, Back Building, Other Lives Got Up in Smoke—Cold For Fireman.

New York, Feb. 9.—A fire which broke out in the rear of the live fire store, at No. 111 West 11th street, at 11 o'clock this morning, caused a panic among the young women who were employed in the factory, and it was only by the heroic efforts of a fireman that a panic was prevented.

The cause of this common, and distressing trouble, is found in a treatment which causes the food to be readily, thoroughly digested before it has time to ferment and irritate the delicate mucous surfaces of the stomach. To secure a prompt and healthy digestion is the one necessary thing to do, and when normal digestion is secured the catarrhal condition will have disappeared.

According to Dr. Harrison the safest and best treatment is to use after each meal a tablet, composed of Distas, Aseptic, Pepsin, a little Nux, Golden Seal, and fruit acids. These tablets can now be found at all drug stores under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and not being a patent medicine can be used with perfect safety and assurance that healthy appetite and thorough digestion will follow their regular use after meals.

Mr. N. J. Boyer of 2710 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., writes: "Catarrh is a local condition resulting from a neglected cold in the head, whereby the lining of the nose becomes inflamed and the poisonous discharge, therefrom passing backward into the throat reaches the stomach, thus producing catarrh of the stomach. Medical authorities prescribe for me for three years for catarrh of stomach without cure, but today I am the happiest of men after using only one box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I cannot find appropriate words to express my good feeling. I have found fresh, appetite and sound rest from their use."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest preparation as well as the simplest and most convenient remedy for any form of indigestion, catarrh of stomach, biliousness, sour stomach, heartburn and bloating after meals.

Send for little book mailed free, on stomach troubles, by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. The tablets can be found at all drug stores.

HOUSE AND SENATE.

War Taxes Come Up in the Popular Branch—The Senate.

Washington, Feb. 9.—At the opening of the session of the house today a bill to amend the war revenue act was passed providing that when a bond or note was secured by a mortgage, but one stamp should be affixed of the higher rate due on either instrument.

Mr. Hopkins (Rep. Ill.) on behalf of the ways and means committee, explained that the bill was to prevent double taxation.

Mr. Meade (Dem. Ark.) called attention to the fact that in the case of leases there was a double burden which should be corrected.

"Now that the war is over and the peace treaty has been ratified," asked Mr. Sulzer (Dem. N. Y.) of Mr. Hopkins "how long are the people to be burdened with these war taxes?"

"That question is not pertinent to the issue," replied Mr. Hopkins.

"Answer me, please?" insisted Mr. Sulzer.

"I am not on the witness stand," responded Mr. Hopkins, waving Mr. Sulzer aside.

At the opening of the senate's session the following bills were passed:

Authorizing the Sioux City and Omaha Railway company to construct and operate a railway through the Omaha and Winnebago reservation in Thurston county, Neb.; to restore to their original status as to promoter officers of the navy at 4 marine corps who lost numbers by reason of the advancement of their officers for exceptional and meritorious service during the war with Spain.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was taken up and consideration of it resumed. The paragraph relating to the deposit of copyright works in the National Library was stricken out with the intention of revising it in conference.

PENSION CHANGES.

Names of New England Men and Women Added to the Roll.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of Jan. 25 are announced:

Maine—Original, Elias C. Trafton, Georgetown, \$8. Increased, John B. Hines, \$6 to \$8.

Vermont—Increase, Isaac C. Osgood, Milton, \$21 to \$30. Joseph C. Marchant, Bradford, \$12 to \$14. Reissues and increase, Estha W. Wetmore, Roxbury, \$10 to \$17. Original widows, etc. (special, Jan. 30), Rose Belding, Burlington, \$8.

Massachusetts—Original, John F. Graves, Marblehead, \$12. Increase, Charles W. Hall, North Adams, \$8 to \$12. James Duffy, Boston, \$5 to \$10. Original, widows, etc., Eliza A. Munsell, Mendon, \$8. Mary A. Manning, South Boston, \$8. Margaret A. Hunt, West Cambridge, \$8. Ruth D. Brown, Chelsea, \$8. Margaret A. Sheppard, Mansfield, \$8.

Rhode Island—Increase, Samuel Grafton, Providence, \$6 to \$8. Original widows, etc., Harriet M. Engley, Providence, \$8.

Connecticut—Original, widows, etc. Alice I. Beece, Windsor, \$8.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Today is the coldest Feb. 9 on record in the weather bureau. At midnight the mercury stood at 16 above zero; at 3 a. m. the thermometer registered 3 below, the lowest point so far touched; and at 9 a. m. it registered 1 below, and an hour later had risen to 2 above zero.

GIRLS IN A FIRE.

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A MONTANA FREAK.

A WOMAN WHO HAD SIX HUSBANDS
DESPITE HER BEARD.

She Shaved Every Morning to Suppress Her
Undesired Virile Adornment—She Might
Have Grown Rich Exhibiting Herself Had
Used a Razor.

With the death of Mrs. Julia Hamilton the bearded woman at the County Farm at Great Falls, Mont., a book of romance is closed and all drama have been canceled. During her eight years' residence there probably not over a hundred people knew that Mrs. Hamilton's first duty every morning was to shave and thus a growth of beard as luxuriant as man ever wore was kept from the world's view.

Deserted alone, with not a crust of bread in her house, the old lady was found a few weeks ago by her neighbors. She was ill and had not shaved for several weeks and had a beard three inches long, covering her chin and sides of her face. She was taken to the County Hospital, where she passed away, and was buried by the county. Just before her death she told that during her life she had been married six times and each of her husbands had deserted her.

She went to Great Falls about eight years ago from Vermont. In the fall of 1888, R. C. Adams, an old Grand Army man, decided that he wanted a wife. He advertised in Heart and Hand, a Chicago matrimonial publication and among his answers was one from the woman who has just died. Photos were exchanged and Adams sent money to bring her on. On her arrival Adams discovered that she was not the original of the picture and after her long trip had quite a growth of whiskers. He refused point blank to marry her.

Several old timers, learning of the strange woman's predicament, went to Adams and gave him just so many hours to have the ceremony performed. He obeyed, and they were made one at the Elm House. A few months later Adams jumped his claim and has never since been heard of. He left her some property, and a few years later she met and married a man named Hamilton. Her wedded life again was short, for in a few months Hamilton deserted her and is now in the West.

Of late years her income had been meager, and at times county aid was necessary. She had been in the County Hospital about a month. After Hamilton deserted her she is credited with the remark, "The last husband gone," and later explained that she was married four times in Vermont.

Her Hand Was Saved.
William Loris, who was conductor on the Union Pacific passenger train which recently ran off a bridge near Byers, Col., relates an incident of the wreck that, closely trends upon the horrible, "The chair car," says Mr. Loris, "was on end in the water. After we had carried the injured passengers out and were about to abandon the car I heard faint groans. I took my lantern and climbed down into the car. I found a woman with her head just above the water. I got assistance and tried to lift her out, but she was fast, and we could not move her. I discovered that she was held fast by her hand between two seats. I called for an axe and told her I would have to cut her hand off to save her life, as the car was sinking fast. She looked at me pitifully, but said nothing. I took off my coat and put it over her, so she could not see the cruel blows with the axe. Then she commenced to beg me not to chop off her arm. By pure accident I found a piece of iron down in the water, and with this I managed to pry the seats far enough apart to release her. It was the heaviest lifting of my life. We carried her off the car, and as we reached safety the car sank from sight. Two seconds later and we would all have been drowned."

Victoria and the Scotchman.
Queen Victoria was once informed by the manager of her Shaw farm that a Scottish farmer was a breeder of superior collie dogs, and she thereupon expressed a wish to possess one of them. Accordingly, the farmer forwarded two beautiful dogs, and her majesty gave orders that the next time he came to the farm he should immediately be taken up to the castle. The farmer was somewhat uneasy as to how he should comport himself in the presence of royalty, and the manager put him through his facings. At last the fateful day arrived, and he was ushered into the presence of the queen. Her majesty shook hands with him and said: "I have to thank you for the two beautiful collies you sent me!" And to this gracious remark the farmer replied: "Touts, touts, woman! haud yer tongue! What's the matter o' a pair o' dows between you and me?"

Fast Cycling Days.
Bicycle racers are engaged in a profitable business. Linton is said to have saved and invested over \$25,000 within the past two years. Jacquelin, now a private in the French army, rides in his dogcart from station to barracks, while his officers are forced to walk, and Taylor, the newest of Paris racing wonders, absolutely declines, through his secretary, to consider an offer of less than \$500 to appear in a race.

A President's Domesticity.
President Faure created a commotion recently in Paris by driving about with his nurse and baby in the seat usually occupied by his aide. It was then learned that his married daughter had given birth to a son three weeks before.

Precaution Against Poisoning.
As a precaution against accidental poisoning the German government has passed a law requiring all drugs intended for internal use to be put in round bottles, and those which are only used externally to be placed in hexagonal bottles.

Bank of England in Silver.
Dumont Clark, president of the American Exchange bank of New York has received a present of a silver model of the Bank of England, complete in every detail and correct in proportions—a perfect fac-simile of the famous building.

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The colonel sat alone in the gilt-edged library of his more than palatial mansion, and there was the look of expectancy in his eye, which comes to those who may mount upward to the skies or sink to the abyssal depths of the darkest despair, depending entirely upon what the news may be that he is expecting.

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The islands in Chesapeake Bay frequented by fishermen and duck-hunters are so rapidly disappearing beneath the assault of the tides that in a few years there will be none left. A striking instance is Tangier Island, where the British fortifications of 1812 are under water.

Distance in China.
In China there is no regular standard of distance. A Chinese mile may be from a quarter of an English mile to a mile and three-quarters, according to the province.

Indian Income Tax.
The income tax in India is levied on all incomes of \$105 and upward, and then only one man in 700 comes within its scope.

The Ceylon silk spider.
The Ceylon yellow silk spider has a body that weighs nine ounces.

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OLD QUANAH PARKER

THE BIG CHIEF OF THE COMANCHES
A REMARKABLE REDSKIN.

He is the richest and most civilized of American Indians—His Mother a White Girl Who Was Stolen by the Savages.

Quanah Parker, the big chief of the Comanches, who was erroneously reported murdered by an outlaw in 1881, was only to be found alive and well at Sherman, Texas, the richest and in many respects the most civilized of American Indians. He is the principal chief of his tribe, and lives in a \$600 house in the midst of a large cattle ranch, over which range thousands of fine cattle and hundreds of well-bred horses. He has seven wives and a very large family of children. Four of his children are students at the Carlisle, Pa., Indian school, and Parker recently paid a visit to that institution and was very much interested in its work.

Quanah was, at the time of his reported death, enjoying an outing at a cowboy frolic in Seymour, accompanied by three of his four wives. The story was told that he had been killed in a fight and the only grain of truth in it was that when he does take his departure from this world Quanah will probably go that way. Yet, notwithstanding that he is a noted warrior, the nearest Quanah ever came to death was not in battle. Quanah contemptuously blew out the gas in the old Pickwick Hotel at Fort Worth and thereby hangs a tale of the most remarkable endurance, perhaps, ever exhibited by man.

It was in the fall of 1885 that Chief Quanah came to Fort Worth, accompanied by an aged Comanche named Yellow Bear, one of his numerous fathers-in-law. The object of their mission was to collect the annual rental paid by the cattlemen for grazing their herds on Comanche territory.

Quanah was no stranger in Fort Worth, and he had an Indian's fondness for all the sights and amusements of the town. It was supposed that Yellow Bear came as his companion on this trip to keep him straight on account of the large amount of the payment to be made to him by the cattlemen. It was his purpose, however, it was not executed as befitted, a faithful guardian, as Yellow Bear's was not as familiar with the way of civilization as was his son-in-law. His acquaintance with it, in fact, extended no further than fire-water and lease money.

Yellow Bear permitted Quanah to rush him off to bed in an annex of the Pickwick, over a store house, about 9 o'clock, after which he proceeded to slumber, and Quanah to take in the town. The sleeping-room was 10 by 12 feet, with one small window and one door. In order to keep out the evil spirits, which according to the Comanche tradition, may fit through infinitesimal openings although it was almost as hot as midsummer—Yellow Bear, before retiring, lowered and fastened the window and turned the key in the keyhole, so that it completely filled the opening.

The hour of Quanah's return was never definitely known, although police investigation indicated that it must have been midnight. Nothing was heard from the two Indians the next morning, and the hotel manager supposed that they were sleeping off the effects of an overdose of civilization. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon an employee of the hotel discovered gas in the hall of the annex. It was traced to the room occupied by the Indians, the door was forced and the outpour almost suffocated the rescuers.

They found Yellow Bear lying on his face and knees beside the bed, cold in death. He had been dead several hours. Quanah was lying on his back, with his face near the window sill, unconscious and apparently dying. A full head of gas had been pouring into the tightly closed little room through a half inch pipe for more than twelve hours. No Saxon could have stood it. A mule or an ox would have been dead hours before the discovery, but the gigantic Indian chief was still struggling mightily for his life. Nearly all of the doctors in town were called to Quanah's relief. His wonderful constitution triumphed. Next morning he was pronounced out of danger.

Quanah Parker is a son of the famous Cynthia Ann Parker, a white girl who was stolen by the Comanches and adopted in her infancy. Afterward she was recaptured by Gen. Sul Ross and his rangers. She longed for the freedom of Indian life after she returned to civilization, finally she re-joined the Comanches, married a chief and became the mother of Quanah Parker. There is little about him to indicate his relation to the paleface. He is of stalwart form, over six feet tall and physically a model. In demeanor and conversation he is a typical Indian, although his white blood seems to have endowed him with enough of business instinct to accumulate quite a fortune, to which he clings notwithstanding his occasional lapses into convivial enjoyment.

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HUMORS OF DIVORCE.

Some Reasons for Untying the Marriage Knot Are Laughs.

Although it is happily not possible in every country to dissolve the marriage knot because a husband has an absolute veto over his wife's divorce, there is a ludicrous facility in many lands for getting rid of an undesirable wife or husband.

In Greece a wife, to maintain her position, must be the very "pink of propriety," and if she goes to theatre or race meeting or even dances with a friend without her husband's sanction he may send her back to her mother and bid her stay there.

Time was, and not long ago, in France, when a man might divorce his wife, and she appeared likely to add too many quivers to his bow, and in Russia, if husband and wife wished to part for any reason whatever, all they need do was to adjourn to some public place, and in the presence of on-lookers tear a strip of muslin, in two.

In Morocco it is not fashionable to be attached too long to any particular wife, and a man's social position may be gauged by the number of wives he has divorced. It is quite common for a man to have married and parted from a score of wives before he has reached the age at which the average Englishman thinks it prudent to marry.

In France, during the "time of terror," the daring experiment was tried of allowing divorces at will and without any assigned cause. The result was disastrous or happy, according to the point of view; for within a year 4,000 couples agreed to part in Paris alone, and within a short time there were actually more divorces than marriages every year.

In Japan it is an oblique-eyed beauty gives too much rein to her tongue, "off she goes," to learn that a discreet reticence is a virtue in a wife.

In Germany if the wife uses her husband's purse too freely he can keep the purse to himself and bid her go, while he looks out for a fraulein of simpler tastes.

In Australia a man can divorce a wife who is too fond of her cups, or rather glasses; and no Chinaman is called upon to tolerate a shrew.

From the oldest times divorce has been in some countries almost as simple a matter as untying a shoe lace. In ancient Rome a man who wearied of his wife could free himself by the simple process of telling her to go.

In biblical history, too, we learn that Abraham divorced Hagar by providing her bread and a bottle of water and sending her away.

How Toads Pass the Winter.
"Studying the physiology of the toad," Professor Simon Henry Gage combats the opinion that this creature hibernates under leaves or tree-trunks. It is often found in such refuge, but only when it has come out of its hole at the opening of the spring and has been caught by a return of cold weather. Ordinarily it hibernates in the earth, preferably in dry soil not apt to freeze. It buries itself backward, its hind feet and the end of its body serving to scoop out its hole, while it pushes itself in with its forelegs. Once buried, it leaves no trace whatever of its hiding-place. When it is in a temperature near the freezing-point its own temperature is three-fourths higher than that of the surrounding medium. When toads are found under frozen leaves, they are still able to move about. Mr. Gage has seen these creatures with feet and skin absolutely frozen solid, but with internal organs in good condition, and able to come to life perfectly.

Why Fishes Are Slippery.
Fish of almost every sort are, when fresh caught, slippery and hard to hold. This slipperiness is due to a sort of mucus exuded through the scales and is of the greatest importance to all tiny creatures.

One of the important functions of the fish's slimy coating is to protect it from the attacks of fungus, a form of plant life found in all waters, salt and fresh, foul and pure. If the fish is so injured that some spots become uncovered by the slime, a barely visible fungus will be likely to lodge there, and when it is once lodged the process of its reproduction is very rapid. It soon extends over the gills and kills the fish.

The primary purpose of the slime of the fish is to reduce its friction when in motion through the water and increase its speed. It also serves as a cushion to the scales, which it thus protects from many injuries.

Red-Haired People.
An eminent man of science has recently declared that red-haired people are far less apt to go bald than those who are possessed of other colored hair. The average crop on the head of a red-haired person is only 29,200 hairs. Ordinary dark hair is far finer, and over three thousand hairs take the space of one red one. 105,000 is about the average. But fair-haired people are still better off; 140,000 to 160,000 is a quite common number of hairs on the scalp of a fair-haired man or woman. This authority does not comment on the peculiarities of red-haired people, but it is well known that they are of a more passionate nature than others, and often of a fine and sensitive disposition, akin to what is known as the artistic temperament.

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CHAPTER VIII.

STATEMENT OF ISRAEL STAKES.

(Copied and authenticated by the Rev. General Mathew Clark, Presbyterian minister of Stoneykirk, in Wigtownshire.)

Maister Fothergill West and the meenister say that I maun tell all I can aboot General Heatherstone and his aces, but that I maunna say muckle aboot mysel' because the readers woulna care to hear aboot me or my affairs. I am no sae sure o' that, for the Stakes is a family well kenned and respected on baith sides o' the border, and there's mony in Nithsdale and Ayrshire as would be glee pleased to hear news o' the son o' Archie Stakes, o' Ecclefechan. I maun e'en do as I'm tauld, however, for Mr. West's sake, hoping he'll no forget me when I chance to have a favor tae ask. I'm no able tae write mysel' because my kithers sent me out to scare crows instead o' sending me tae school, but on the ither hand he brought me up in the precepts and practice o' the real kirk o' the Covenant, for which may the Lord be praised!

It was last May twel'month that the factor body, Maister McNeill can ower tae me in the street and speered whether I was in want o' place as a coachman and gairdner. As it fell out I chanced tae be on the look out for something o' the sort mysel' at the time, but I wana ower quick to let him see that I wanted it. "Ye can tak it or leave it," says he sharplike. "It's a guid place, and there's mony would be glad o' it. If ye want it ye can come up tae my office at twa the morn and put your ain questions tae the gentleman." That was a' I could get frae him, for he's a close man and a hard one at a bargain— which shall profit him little in the next life, though he lay by a store o' siller in this. When the day comes there'll be a handle o' factors on the left hand o' the throne, and I shouldna be surprised if Maister McNeill found himsel' amang them.

Well, on the morn I gae up to the office and there I found the factor and a lang thin dour man wi' gray hair and a face as from and crinkled as a walnut. He looked hard at me wi' a pair o' een that glowed like twa spunks, and then he says, says he, "You've been born in these parts, I understand?"

"Aye," says I, "and never left them neither."

"Never been out o' Scotland?" he speers.

"Twice to Carlisle fair," says I, for I am a man who loves the truth; and besides I kenned that the factor would mind my gaeing there, for I bargained for twa steers and a stirk that he wanted for the stockin' o' the Drumclugh farm.

"I learn frae Maister McNeill," says General Heatherstone— for him it was and nae ither, "that ye canna write."

"Na," says I.

"No read?"

"Na," says I.

"It seems tae me," says he, turnin' tae the factor, "that this is the vera man I want. Servants is spoiled noo-a-days," says he, "by ower muckle education. I have nae doot, Stakes, that ye will suit me well enough. Ye'll hae three pund a month and a' foond, but I'll shall rase the right o' givin' ye twenty-four hours' notice at any time. How will that suit ye?"

"It's a vera different frae my last place," says I, discontented-like. And the words were true enough, for auld Fairmer Scott only gave me a pund a month and parritch twice a day.

"Weel, weel," says he, "maybe we'll gie ye a rise if ye suit. Meanwhile here's the hanel shillin' that Maister McNeill tells me it's the custom tae give, and I shall expect tae see ye at Cloomber on Monday."

When the Monday cam round I walkied oot tae Cloomber and a great muckle hoose it is wi' a hundred windows or mair, and space enough tae hide awa' half the parish. As the gardenin' there was no gairden for me tae work at, and the hoose was never taken oot o' the stables frae week's end tae week's end, I was busy enough for a' that, for there was a deal o' fencin' tae be put up and one thing or another, forbye cleanin' the knives and brushin' the boots and such like jobs as is maist fit for an auld wife than for a grown man. There was twa beside mysel' in the kitchen, the cook Eliza, and Mary the housemaid, pair beighted things baith o' them, who had wasted a' their lives in Lunnon, and kenned little aboot the world or the ways o' the flesh. I hadna muckle tae say to them for they were simple folk who could scarce understand English, and had hardly mair regard for their ain souls than the tods on the moor. When the cook said she didna think muckle o' John Knox, and the ither that she woulna gie sixpence tae hear the discourse o' Maister Donald McNeill o' the true kirk, I kenned it was time for me tae leave them and a higher Judge.

There was four in the family, the meenister, my laddy, Maister Mordaunt and Miss Chisholm, and it wana lang time I found that it wana lang time I should be. My laddy was as

thin and as white as a ghaist, and mony's the time as I've come on her and found her yammerin' and greetin' all by hersel'. I've watched her walkin' up and doon in the wood where she thought nae could see her and wringin' a' her hands like one demented. There was the young gentleman tae and his sister—the baith seemed to hae some trouble on their minds, and the general maist o' a' for the ither were up ane day and doon anither; but he was the same, wi' a face as dour and sad as a felon when he feels the tow road on his neck. I speered o' the hussies in the kitchen whether they kenned what was amiss wi' the family, but the cook he answered me back that it wana' for her tae inquire into the affairs o' her superiors and that it was naething to her as long as she did her work and had her wages. They were pair feckless bodies, the twa o' them, and would scarce gie an answer tae a ceevil question though they could clock lood enough when they had a mind.

Weel, weeks passed into months and a' things grew war instead o' better in the Hall. The general he got mair shalvous, and his laddy mair melancholious every day, and yet there wana any quarrel or bickering between them for when they're been together in the breakfast room I used after tae gang round and prune the rose tree alongside o' the window, so that I couldna help hearin' a great pair o' their conversation, though sair against the grain. When the young folk were wi' them they would speak little, but when they had gone they would aye talk as if some waefn' trial were aboot to fa upon them, though I could never gather from their words what it was that they were afear'd o'. I've heard the general say mair than ance that he wana frightened o' death, or of any danger that he could face and have done wi' but that it was the lang waefn' waitin' and the uncertainty that had taken a' the strength and the mettles oot o' him. Then the laddy would console him and tell him that maybe it wana' as bad as he thought and that a' would come richt in the end—but a' her cheery words were clean throwed away upon him. As tae the young folk I kenned weel that they didna' hide in the grounds, and that they were awa' whenever they got a chance wi' Maister Fothergill West tae Branksome, but the general was too fu' o' his ain troubles tae ken aboot it, and it didna' seem tae me that it was pairt o' my duties either as a coachman or as gairdner tae mind the baith. He should have learned that if ye forbid a lassie and a laddie to dae anything it's just the surest way o' bringin' it aboot. The Lord found that out in the garden o' Paradise, and there's no muckle change between the folk in Eden and the folk in Wigtown.

There's ane thing that I havena spoke aboot yet, but that should be set doon. The geer I didna' share his room wi' his wife, but slept a' alone in a chamber at the far end o' the hoose as distant as possible frae every one else. This room was aye lockit when he wana' in it, and naeboddy was ever allowed tae gang into it. He would mak his ain bed, a d red it up and drest it a' by himsel', but he woulna' so much as allow an' o' us to set fu' on the passage that led tae it. At night he would walk a' ower the hoose, and he had lamps hang in every room and a' corner, so that no pairt should be dark. Mony's the time I've seen him in the garret I've heard his footsteps comin' and gangin', comin' and gangin' doon the passage and up anither frae midnigh till cockcrow. It was weiry work tae be listenin' tae his elater and wond' in whether he was clean daft, or whether maybe he'd learned pagan and idolatrous tricks oot in India, and that his conscience noo was like the worm which gnaweth and dieth not. I'd ha' speer frae him whether it woulna' ease him to speid wi' the holy Donald McNeill, but I might ha' been a mistake, and the general wana' a man that you'd care tae mak a mistake wi'.

Ane day I was workin' at the grass border when he comes up and says tae me, "Did ye ever hae occasion tae fire a pistol, Israel?"

"Godsakes!" says I. "I never hae slean a thing in my hands in my life."

"Then you'd best not begin noo," says he. "Every man tae his ain weapon," he says. "Now I warrant ye could dae something wi' a guid crab tree cudgel!"

"Aye, could I?" I answered blythely "as weel as any lay on the border."

"This is a lonely hoose," says he, "and we might be molested by some rascals. It's weel tae be ready for whatever may come. Me and you and my son Mordaunt and Mr. Fothergill West of Branksome, who would come if he was required, ought tae be able tae show a bauld face— what think ye?"

"Deed, sir," I says, "fenshin' is aye better than feebishin'—but if ye'll raise me a pund a month, I'll no' shirk my

"The old rascal was well paid for his

favor o' it—J. J. W.

share o' ither."

"We won't quarrel ower that," says he, and agreed tae the extra twa pund a year as easy as though it were as many barlees. Far be it frae me tae think evil, but I couldna' help surmising at the time that money that was so lightly parted wi' was maybe no very honestly cam by.

I'm no a curious or a pryin' man by nature, but I was sae puzzled in my an' mind tae tell why it was that the general walkied oot at night and why he'd been frae sleep. Weel, a' day I was cleanin' down the passages where my a' fell on a great muckle heap o' carpets and gold carpets and sic like things that were piled away in a corner, not vera free the door o' the general's room. A' o' sudden a thoch cam into my head and I says tae mysel', "I could ha' sworn I saw the son o' frae my hidin' place behind that vera night and seer in the auld mair when he doesna' ken human e'e is o' him?" The mair I thocht o' the mair I saw the mair I saw, and I made up my mind tae put the idea intae instant execution.

When the night cam round I tauld the women-folk that I was bad wi' the jawache, and would gang airtly to my room. I kenned fine when aince o' there that there was na chance o' any one disturbin' me, so I waited a wee while, and then when a' was quiet I slippt aff my boots and ran doon the ither stair until I cam tae the heap o' auld carpets, and there I lay down wi' one e'e peepin' through a kink and a the rest covered up wi' a great ragged carpet. There I lided as quiet as a rotten until the general passed me or his roed tae bed, and I was still in the hoose.

My certie! I woulna' gang through wi' it again for a' the siller at the Union Bank o' Dumfries! I canna think o' noo without feelin' could a' the way doon my back. It was just awfu' lynn there in the deid silence, waitin' and waitin' wi' never a sound tae break the monotony, except the heavy tickin' o' auld clock somewhere doon the passage. First I would look doon the corridor in the one way, and syne I'd look doon in ither, but it aye seemed to me as though there was something coming up frae the side that I wana' lookin' at. I had a cold sweat on my broo and my hairt was beatin' twice tae ilka tick o' the clock, and what feared me most o' a' was that the dust frae the curtains and things was aye gettin' doon into my lungs and it was a' I could dae tae keep mysel' frae coughin'. Godsakes! I wonder my hairt wana' gray wi' a' that I went through! I woulna' dae it again to be made Lord Provost o' Glasgow!

Weel, it may have been twa o'clock in the mornin' or maybe a little mair, and I was just thinkin' that I wana' tae see anything aff a'—and I wana' very sorry neither—when all o' a sudden a soon cam tae my ears clear and distinct through the stillness o' the night. I've been asked afore noo tae described that soon, but I've aye foond that it's no vera easy tae gie a clear idea o' it, though it was unlike any other soon that ever I haikened tae. It was a shairp rin' clang, like what could be caused by flippin' the rim o' a wine glass, but it was far higher and thinner than that and had in it tae kind o' splash, like the tingle o' a rain drop intae a waterbut. In my fear I sat up among my carpets, like a puddock among gowan-leaves, and I listened wi' a' my ears. A' was still again noo, except for the dull tickin' o' the distant clock.

Suddenly the sound cam again, as clear, as shairp as shairp as ever, and this time the general heard it, for I heard him gie a kind o' groan, as a tired man might who has been roosed oot o' his sleep. He got up frae his bed, and I could make out a rustling noise, as though he were dressin' himsel', and presently his footfa' as he began tae walk up and doon in his room. Mysakes! it didna' tak lang for me tae drop down among the carpets again and cover mysel' ower. There I lay tremblin' in every limb, and syne as mony prayers as I could mind, wi' my e'e still peepin' through the kink-hole, and fixed upon the door o' the general's room.

I heard the rattle o' the handle presently, and the door swung slowly open. There was a light burnin' in the room, beyond an' I could just catch a glimpse o' what seemed tae me like a row o' swords stuck along the side o' the wall, when the general stepped oot and shut the door behind him. He was dressed in a dressin' gown, wi' a pair o' slippers on his feet, and the door was turned up. For a moment I cam into my head that maybe he was walkin' in his sleep, but as he cam toward me I could see the glint o' the light in his e'en, and his face was a twistin', like a man that's in sair distress o' mind. On my conscience it gies me the shakes noo when I think o' his tall figure and his yellow face comin' sae solemn and silent doon the lang lone passage. I hand my breath and lay close watchin' him, but just as he cam tae where I was my vera hairt beat still in my breast, for t'ing!

Loose and clear, within a yard o' me, cam the young gentleman and that I had only haikened tae. Where it cam frae I canna say, but I can tell, or when was the cause o' it. It might ha' been that the general made it, but I was sae puzzled tae tell hoo, for his hands were baith doon by his side as he passed me. It cam frae his direction, certainly, but it appeared tae me tae come frae ower his head; but it was slean a thin, eerie, high-pitched, uncanny kind o' sound that it wana' cry tae say just exactly where it cam frae. The general took a head oot o' his waistcoat and was comin' o' a' richt, and I didna' lose a minute in

creepin' oot frae my hidin' place and stammerin' awa' back tae my room; and if a' the bogies in the Red Sea were trapesin' up and doon the haik through, I woulna' never put my head oot again tae hae a glimpse o' them.

I didna' say a word tae anybody aboot what I'd seen, but I made up my mind that I woulna' stay muckle langer at Cloomber Hall. You paid a month as a good wage, but it wana' enough tae pay a man for the loss o' his peace o' mind, and maybe the loss o' his soul, as weel, for when the door is a' aboot ye canna tell what sort o' a trap he may lay for ye, and though they say that Providence is stronger than him, it's maybe as weel no to risk it. It was clear tae me that the general and his hoose were baith under some curse, and it was it that that curse should fa' on them that had earned it, and no on a righteous Presbyterian, who had ever trod the narrow path. My hairt was sair for young Miss Gabriel—for she was a bonnie and a winsome lassie—but for a' that, I felt that my duty was tae mysel' and that I should gang forth, even as Lo' ganged oot o' the wicked cities o' the plain. That awfu' ding-clang was aye dingin' in my lugs, and I couldna' bear to be alone in the passages for fear o' hearin' it aince again. I only wanted a chance or an excuse tae gie the general notice, and tae gang back to some place where I could see Christian folk, and have the kirk within a stone-cast tae fa' back upon.

But it proved tae be ordained that instead o' my saying the word, "It should come frae the general himsel'." It was a' day aboot the end o' September, I was comin' oot o' the stable, after glein' its oats tae the horse, when I saw a great muckle loon come hoppin' on ane leg up the drive, mair like a big, ill-faured craw than a man. When I clapped my e'en on him I thocht that maybe this was a' o' the rascals that the maister had been speakin' aboot, so without mair ado I fetched oot my bit stick with the intention o' tryin' it upon the limmer's head. He seed me comin' frae my look maybe, or frae the stick in my hand, he pured oot a lang knife frae his pocket and swore wi' the most awfu' oaths that if I didna' stan' back he'd be the death o' me. Ma conscience, the words the chief used was enough tae mak' the hair stan' straight on your head! I wonder he wana' struck dead where he stood. We wero still standin' opposite each ither—he wi' his knife and me wi' the stick—when the general he cam up the drive and foond us. Tae my surprise he began tae talk tae the stranger as if he'd kenned him a' his days.

"Put your knife in your pocket, corporal," says he. "Your fears have turned your brain."

"Blood and wounds!" says the other. "He'd ha' turned my brain tae some purpose wi' that muckle stick o' his if I hadna' drawn my snickersnee. You shouldn't keep slean an auld savage on your premises."

The maister he frooned and looked black at him as though he didna' relish advice comin' frae such a source. Then turnin' tae me, he says, "You won't be wanted afore to-day, Israel," he says; "you have been a guid servant and I ha' naething tae complain o' wi' ye, but circumstances have arisen which will cause me tae change my arrangements." "Very guid, sir," says I. "You can go this evening," says he, "and you shall have an extra month's pay tae mak' up tae you for this short notice." Wi' that he went intae the hoose, followed by the man that he caed the corporal, and frae that day tae this I have never clapped e'en either on the one or the ither. My money was sent oot tae me in an envelope, and havin' said a few pairtrin' words tae the cook and the weaver wi' reference tae the wrath tae come and the treasure that is richer than rubies, I shook the dust o' Cloomber frae my feet for ever.

Maister Fothergill West says I maunna express an opinion as tae what cam aboot afterwar, but maun confine mysel' tae what I saw mysel'. Nae doot he has his reasons for this—and far be it frae me tae hint that they are no guid ones—but I maun say this, that what happened didna' surprise me. It was just as I expected, and so I said tae Maister Donald McNeill, "I've tauld ye a' aboot it noo and I havena' a word tae add or tae withdraw. I'm muckle obliged tae Maister Mathew Clark for puttin' it a' doon in writin' for me, and if there's any word wad the speer anything mair o' me I'm well kenned and respect in Ecclefechan, and Maister McNeill, the factor o' Wigtown, can aye tell where I am tae be foond."

CHAPTER IX.

NARRATIVE OF JOHN EASTERLING, F. R. C. P. EDIN.

Having given the statement of Israel Stakes in extensor, I shall now append a short memorandum from Dr. Easterling, now practicing at Stranraer. It is true that the doctor was only once within the walls of Cloomber during his tenancy by General Heatherstone, but there were some circumstances connected with this visit which made it valuable, especially when considered as a supplement to the experiences which I have just submitted to the reader. The doctor has found time amid the calls of a busy country practice to jot down his recollections, and I feel that I cannot do better than subjoin them exactly as they stand.

I have very much pleasure in furnishing Mr. Fothergill West with an account of my solitary visit to Cloomber Hall, not only on account of the esteem which I have formed for that gentleman ever since his residence at

Branksome, but also because it is my conviction that the facts in the case of General Heatherstone are of such a singular nature that it is of the highest importance that they should be placed before the public in a trustworthy manner.

It was about the beginning of September of the year before last that I received a note from Mrs. Heatherstone, of Cloomber Hall, desiring me to make a professional call upon her husband, whose health, she said, had been for some time in a very unsatisfactory state. I had heard something of the Heatherstones and of the strange seclusion in which they lived, so that I was very much pleased at this opportunity of making their closer acquaintance, and lost no time in complying with her request. I had known Mr. Hall in the old days of Mr. McVittie, the original proprietor, and I was astonished on arriving at the avenue gate to observe the changes which had taken place. The gate itself, which used to yawn so hospitably upon the road, was now barred and locked, and a high wooden fence with nails upon the top encircled the whole grounds. The drive itself was leaf-strewn and uncared for, and the whole place had a depressing air of neglect and decay.

I had to knock twice before a servant maid opened the door and showed me through a dingy hall into a small room, where sat an elderly, care-worn lady, who introduced herself as Mrs. Heatherstone. With her pale face, her gray hair, her sad, colorless eyes and her faded silk dress, she was in perfect keeping with her melancholy surroundings.

"You find us in much trouble, doctor," she said in a quiet, refined voice. "My poor husband has had a great deal to worry him, and his nervous system for a long time has been in a very weak state. We came to this part of the country in the hope that the bracing air and the quiet would have a good effect upon him. Instead of improving, however, he has seemed to grow weaker, and this morning he is in a high fever and a little inclined to be delirious. The children and I were so frightened that we sent for you at once. If you will follow me I will take you to the general's bedroom."

She led the way down a series of corridors to the chamber of the sick man, which was situated in the extreme wing of the building. It was a careworn, bleak-looking room, scantily furnished with a small trundle bed, a campaigning chair, and a plain deal table, on which were scattered numerous papers and books. In the center of this table there stood a large object of irregular outline, which was covered over with a sheet of linen. All round the walls and in the corners were arranged a very choice and varied collection of arms, principally swords, some of which were of the straight pattern in common use in the British army, while among the others were scimitars, tulwars, cut-throats, and a score of other specimens of Oriental workmanship. Many of these were richly mounted with inlaid sheaths and hilts sparkling with precious stones, so that there was a piquant contrast between the simplicity of the apartment and the wealth which glittered on the walls. I had little time, however, to observe the general's collection, since the general himself lay upon his couch and was evidently in sore need of my services.

He was lying with his head turned half way from us, breathing heavily, and apparently unconscious of our presence. His bright, staring eyes and the deep hectic flush upon his cheek showed that his fever was at its height. I advanced to the bedside, and stooping over him, I placed my fingers upon his pulse, when immediately he sprang up into the sitting position and struck at me frenziedly with his clenched hands. I have never seen such intensity of fear and horror stamped upon a human face as appeared upon that which was now glaring up at me.

"Bloodhound!" he yelled; "let me go—let me go, I say! Keep your hands off me. Is it not enough that my life has been ruined? When is it all to end? How long am I to endure it?" "Hush, dear, hush!" said his wife in a soothing voice, passing her cool hand over his heated forehead. "This is Doctor Easterling, from Stranraer. He has not come to harm you, but to do you good."

The general dropped wearily back upon his pillow, and I could see by the changed expression of his face that the delirium had left him, and that he understood what had been said. I slipped my clinical thermometer into his armpit and counted his pulse rate. It amounted to 120 per minute, and his temperature proved to be 101 degrees. Clearly it was a case of remittent fever, such as occurs in men who have spent a great part of their lives in the tropics. "There is no danger," I remarked. "With a little quinine and arsenic we shall very soon overcome the attack and restore his health."

"No danger, eh?" he said. "There never is any danger for me. I am as hard to kill as the Wandering Jew. I am quite clear in the head now, Mory; so you may leave me with the doctor."

Mrs. Heatherstone left the room rather unwillingly, as I thought, and I sat down on the bedside to listen to anything which my patient might have to communicate.

"I want you to examine my liver," he said, when the door was closed. "I used to have an abscess there, and Brodie, the staff surgeon, said that it was ten to one that it would carry me off. I have not felt much of it since I left the East. This is where it used to be, just under the angle of the ribs."

making a careful examination. "But I am happy to tell you that the abscess has either been entirely absorbed, or has turned calcareous, as these solitary abscesses will. There is no fear of its doing you any harm now."

He seemed to be by no means overjoyed at the intelligence. "Things always happen so with me," he said moodily. "Now, if another fellow was feverish and delirious he would surely be in some danger, and yet you tell me that I am in none. Look at this, now." He bared his chest and showed me a puckered wound over the region of the heart. "That's where the Jezail bullet of a billman went in. You would think that was in the right spot to settle a man; and yet what does it do but glance upon a rib, and go clean round and out at the back, without so much as penetrating what you medics call the pleura. Did ever you hear of such a thing?"

"You were certainly born under a lucky star," I observed, with a smile. "That's a matter of opinion," he answered, shaking his head. "Death has no terrors for me, if it will but come in some familiar form; but I confess that the anticipation of some strange, some preternatural form of death is very terrible and unnerving."

"You mean," said I, rather puzzled at his remark, "that you would prefer a natural death to a death by violence?"

"No, I don't mean that exactly," he answered. "I am too familiar with cold steel and lead to be afraid of either. Do you know anything about odyllic force, doctor?"

"No, I do not," I replied, glancing sharply at him to see if there were any signs of delirium returning. His expression was intelligent, however, and the feverish flush had faded from his cheeks. "Ah, you western scientific men are very much behind the day in some things," he remarked. "In all that is material and concrete to the comfort of the body you are pre-eminent, but in what concerns the subtle force of nature and the latent powers of the human spirit your best men are centuries behind the humblest coolies of India. Countless generations of beef-eating, comfort-loving ancestors have given our animal instincts the command over our spiritual ones. The body, which should have been a mere tool for the use of the soul, has now become a degrading prison in which it is confined. The Oriental soul and body are not so welded together as ours are, and there is far less wrench when they part in death."

"They do not appear to derive much benefit from this peculiarity in their organization," I remarked, incredulously.

"Merely the benefit of superior knowledge," the general answered. "If you were to go to India, probably the very first thing you would see in the way of amusement would be a native doing what is called the mango trick. Of course you have heard or read of it. The fellow plants a mango seed, and makes passes over it until it sprouts and bears leaves and fruit—all in the space of half an hour. It is not really a trick—it is a power. These men know more than your Tyndalls or Huxleys do about nature's processes, and they can accelerate or retard her workings by subtle means of which we have no conception. These low-caste conjurers—as they are called—are mere vulgar dabblers, but the men who have trod the higher path, the brethren of the Ragi-zos, are far more our superiors in knowledge than we are of the Hottentots or Patagonians."

"You speak as if you were well acquainted with them," I remarked.

"To my cost, I do," he answered. "I have been brought in contact with them in a way in which I trust no other poor devil ever will be. But, really, as regards odyllic force you ought to know something of it, for it has a great future before it in your profession. You should read Reichenbach's 'Researches on Magnetism and Vital Force,' and Gregory's 'Letters on Animal Magnetism.' These, supplemented by the twenty-seven Aphorisms of Mesmer, and the works of Dr. Justus Kerner, of Weinsberg, would enlarge your ideas."

I did not particularly relish having a course of reading prescribed for me on a subject connected with my own profession, so I made no comment, but rose to take my departure. Before doing so I felt his pulse once more, and found that the fever had entirely left him, in the sudden unaccountable fashion which is peculiar to these malarious types of disease. I turned my face toward him to congratulate him upon his improvement, and stretched out my hand at the same time to pick my gloves from the table, with the result that I raised not only my own property, but also the linen cloth which was arranged over some object in the center. I might not have noticed what I had done had I not seen an angry look upon the invalid's face and heard him utter an impatient exclamation. I at once turned, and replaced the cloth so promptly that I should have been unable to say what was underneath it, beyond having a general impression that it looked like a bride cake.

"All right, doctor," the general said good humoredly, perceiving how entirely accidental the incident was. "There is no reason why you should not see it," and stretching out his hand, he pulled away the linen covering for the second time. I then perceived that what I had taken for a bride cake was really an admirably executed model of a lofty range of mountains, whose snow-capped peaks were not unlike the familiar sugar pinnacles and minarets.

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Manila, Feb. 10.—7:30 P. M.—The United States forces attacked and carried Calocan this afternoon. The action was short and decisive, the enemy being driven out with great loss.

At a signal from the tower of the Dela-lome church the United States double turreted monitor Monadnock opened fire from the bay, with the big guns of her forward turret, on the earthworks with great effect. Soon afterwards the Utah battery bombarded the place from the land side.

The rebels reserved their fire until the bombardment ceased, when they fired volleys of musketry as the Montana regiment advanced on the jungle.

The Kansas regiment, on the extreme left, with the Third artillery deploying to the right, charged across the open and carried the earthworks, cheering under a heavy fire. Supported by the artillery



GENERAL KING.

at the church, the troops further advanced, driving the enemy, fighting every foot, right into the town line, and penetrated to the Presidencia and lowered the Filipino flag at 5:30 p. m.

The enemy's sharpshooters in the jungle on the right, fired at long range on the Pennsylvania regiment, but the rebels were soon silenced by shrapnel shells and the Pennsylvanians remained in the trenches.

As the Americans advanced they burned the native huts. The rebels were mowed down like grass, but the American loss was slight.

The rebels at this hour, 10:10, seem to have selected Malabon as the base of operations for their next encounter with the Americans, as they are concentrating a considerable force there and at Calocan. Many small bodies of scattered rebel troops are straggling in from the right, and other are undoubtedly arriving from the north and the interior provinces.

Aguineldo is reported to have established his headquarters at Malabon, for the purpose of rallying his forces for a decisive blow. In order to cover their movements the rebels again opened fire on the outposts of the Kansas regiment. They kept up the fire from the jungle for about 20 minutes without effect. The Americans reserved their fire until a detachment of the enemy emerged from the bamboo, when a well directed volley made the rebels scurry back to cover, like rabbits. Beyond this there was quiet along the entire line.

Some soldiers belonging to the Fourth infantry have unearthed several tons of Spanish shells, evidently stolen from the arsenal at Cavite and hidden by the rebels in the vicinity of Paranaque. Fifteen cartloads of shells have been brought in here. The troops also found a modern naval gun and part of its mount, which had evidently been stolen from one of the sunken Spanish warships.

In anticipation of a native uprising in this city, unusual precautions were taken here last night by the American military authorities. Fortunately the steps taken proved unnecessary. The Filipinos are evidently convinced that an uprising would prove suicidal to them.

The Visayan commissioners arrested on board the Uranus sailed for Iloilo yesterday with the Tennessee regiment, on board the United States transport St. Paul.

No vessels have cleared from Manila for Philippine ports since Saturday, consequently no news has yet reached outside points. Even the guard of the Pennsylvania regiment, stationed at the convalescent hospital on Corregidor Island, knew nothing about the hostilities until the supply boat notified them yesterday.

The Uranus cleared for Iloilo on Saturday, but instead of sailing on Sunday she was detained by the American authorities.

The American line today is much the same as on Wednesday. On the right, General Overhine's brigade extends to the beach two miles north of camp Dewey, and to the Pasig river. Lieutenant Colonel Treumann, with the North Dakota volunteers, has established his headquarters on the beach, whence he is in signal communication with the American fleet. The second battalion of the Dakota regiment extends along the front, and all of the Fourteenth infantry, with the exception of companies M and E, is stationed at the Pasig river and extends thence to San Pedro and Malate in complete line.

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